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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEARCHING A  
DATABASE IN TWO SEARCH STEPS  
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**Amendment Submitted With Filing of RCE**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Rejection dated January 11, 2010 having a shortened period for response that expires on April 11, 2010, please amend the above-identified Patent Application and consider the remarks and arguments as set forth herein. This Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.